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MYANMAR

XYØRR

Romeo has did it again! The need for Myanmar(Burma) has been reduced by 50,007 contacts and many amateurs worldwide are thankful to him and the group.

The site for the operation and the equipment was chosen for a good signal worldwide. All did not go as planned due to the military in Burma. The military had their own idea of how the operation would be conducted. Not really, but they would not allow the large yagi antennas to be raised.

The problem was solved by quickly making a few YA0 special antennas. These were just wire antennas but what else could be done since they were "under the gun" so to speak !

Now they were on the air but couldn't hear anything and couldn't be heard from the site chosen.

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SPRATLY

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The group took a vote and decided to move into tents one mile up into the mountains to improve signals. They were in Burma and the world must hear them ! The conditions were bad but they accepted the bugs, heat and no water.

Even after the move, the incoming signals were at times a 4 by 2 esp. when looking for north and south america. With limited time and weak signals, no calls could be picked out of the pileup due to the huge mass calling. How can the signals be copied, go to 40 to 100 KC spread if required.... BAD MOVE? Not if you expect to copy anyone at all...When the conditions did improve, the spread was reduced to 10 to 20 KC.

During the rush to change locations, Genna had a head injury because of a bad landing of their helicopter. Romeo suffered a broken toe while attaching an antenna in a tree in the mountains...You do not have medical assistance in those mountains, so they did the best they could for themselves. Knowing what was expected of them, they couldn't take time out to visit a doctor.

One thing you learn fast, do not drink water from a stream here. Having no bottled water, they purchased the next best thing, many cases of 7 UP cola. This gave them idea to listen 7 up. Hi After many days of this, they never want to see another 7 UP cola. Hi.

The stay in Burma wasn't pleasant and didn't go as they had planned. They had to leave the AC generator behind as they were on their way out. But they knew the importance of this DXpedition and were willing to accept whatever it took to make it a good one....

Arriving in Viet Nam wasn't pleasant either and this didn't go as planned. So what's new, nothing else has worked ! It seemed the custom agents needed a few green stamps and put a very high value on the luggage and all the equipment ! Due to the bad exit from Myanmar, funds were very low. Now the 3W customs had their clothes, all the equipment and not enough funds to cover the high price they were asking.

This really hurt the planned Spratly Island trip. So many amateurs had failed to make a contact the last time, Romeo was willing to make it again to benefit those that still needed it.. Was all this worth it ?

Until plan #2 was in force, they had too many meals of bananas, bread and little else. After many days of this, they now have added bananas to the 7 UP as the least desired food or drink. Hi.

Finally everything was in effect on plan #2 and a deal was made with an oil rig ship. Now they are on their way to LSORR again. When you get backed into a corner, you take the best way out. The best way was to accept the 50 hours they were allowed to stay on the island. The ship stopped on it's way out, dropped the boys, and would return as they said, in 50 hours.

All worked well except for the 50 hours limit they had. How do you satisfy the need of the amateurs that still need Spratly ? The best you can do is rotate the operators and stay on the air the longest possible time. This they did and in 50 hours, lowered the need for Spratly by 10,000 contacts.

Romeo has said he has a few more "good" spots he could visit, but will delay those because he needs time to get the XY cards printed and in the mail. If the JA printer keeps his word, the cards may be in hand by the end of 1991. Then we can start mailing them out.

INDEXA for Romeo, 3W3RR/XYØRR/LSØRR/YAØRR

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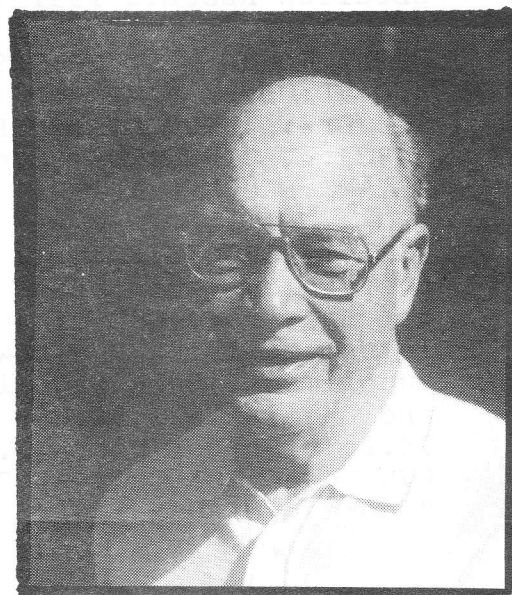
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MEET YOUR NET CONTROLLERS

We welcome Rev. Jim Leonard as an INDEXA information net controller. First licensed in 1928 as W2BTP then moving to Virginia in 1937 where he was issued W4FPS. He is now on the Honor Roll and should have more time for INDEXA. Hi. During this time he designed the repeater still in use in Wayneville N.C. His first business was electrical engineering, from which he retired.

At the age of 50, he had a personal and dramatic confrontation with the Lord. He realized he was no longer satisfied with the life of a retiree. He enrolled at the Duke University to become an ordained minister.

Even at his age, he made it and served the United Methodist in the Western Conference of N.C. until his 2nd retirement. As for amateur radio, he says it has been the most important aspect of his hobby and hopes to contribute to it's growth and meaningfulness.



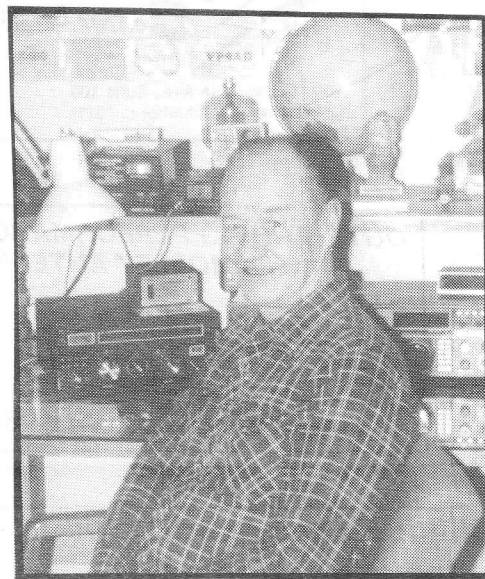
W4FPS Jim

We welcome Hugh Dean, KF7SH to the ranks as an INDEXA information net controller. We continue to state "information net" because we DO NOT run (list) on this net. If you work a rare station, it is because of your ability as a good DXer to work what you need and not have someone give it to you the easy way. Hi To each his own.

Hugh, as W4FPS, is retired and we know both will contribute a lot of their time to helping all amateurs worldwide.

Hugh is retired military so we know he has a retirement check coming each month. It's not much for the time he gave to the USA but he does have plenty of time for passing out help to those that need it.

He started in amateur radio in 1965 while living in Minot, N.D. He presently holds an Advanced class license and has passed the written element for his extra. His country is an impressive 319 on the wall and looking for 5A and S. Sandwich Island.



KF7SH

INDEXA thanks these two controllers as well as the others that give freely of their time to help others. The pay isn't much, but when they know they have helped another amateur receive that "special" QSL, all is paid in full. If we can't help each other, you are in the wrong hobby or you have an attitude that conflicts with the "Goals" of INDEXA. The enhancement of amateur radio and worldwide friendship.

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